

Good Luck

is thought to go a long way, but
Good Judgment goes farther.
TO USE

"SALT"

IS GOOD JUDGMENT.

"The Tea that is always Reliable."

**UTILITY BOARD
READY NOW FOR
WATER DISPUTE**

Deliberations of the Public Utilities Commission on the merits and demerits of the petition of the Bridgeport Hydraulic company for the right to charge the city a fire hydrant rate of some \$250,000 yearly will be commenced at once, Richard T. Higgins, chairman of the commission, said here yesterday, following a hearing on a bus line application at City Hall.

Mr. Higgins when seen yesterday said that the brief of the Hydraulic company had been received and that the commission was awaiting the City of Bridgeport's answer.

Through City Attorney John A. Cornell an answer to the Hydraulic company's plea for the fire service charge was filed with the commission today.

To Begin At Once.

"We will begin our deliberations at once," Mr. Higgins said, "and a decision will be reached before final action is taken by your Board of Apportionment on the city's budget for the coming year. The case is a lengthy one and will take some time, but we will have a finding before your tax rate is laid. Our deliberations will begin at once."

Mr. Higgins said that there was no possibility for a further hearing on the petition before the commission and that no further verbal arguments will be heard.

Decision Delayed.

Mayor Fred Atwater said today that he expected a decision some time this week, but the delay in filing the city's brief will set back this expectation. A number of city cases which were pending in Superior Court required immediate attention by the city attorney, thus causing the delay in filing the final arguments.

The mayor is in hopes that a favorable decision for the city will be reached as an unfavorable one will have a great effect on the contemplated 25 mill tax rate.

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**OPPOSE SOME
CITY CHARTER
AMENDMENTS**

Discussion as to whether the denial of the Board of Education should be placed under the supervision of the Board of Health took place at yesterday's meeting of the Charter Revision Commission. No decision was reached. W. T. Hincks announced after the meeting.

Dr. Alfred C. Pones, president of the board, Lynn W. Wilson and Supt. of Schools E. E. Cortright appeared before the commission and they supported the contents of the Board of Education to maintain the denial of the charter.

The greater part of the meeting was given over to discussion of proposed amendments to the city charter which the commission expects to report to Tuesday's meeting of the Common Council. As yet the amendments are in tentative form. Mr. Hincks said, another meeting will be held Saturday afternoon to attempt to reach a final decision on them.

A plan to make the Board of Education an appointive office under consideration following Mayor Fred Atwater's declaration that it should be so. According to the plan the mayor will have the appointment of members of the board whose terms will vary from one to three years. Party distinction will be abolished according to the commission plan if this is possible.

Other amendments, which have been discussed at previous meetings, were the abolishment of the two taxing districts, making them one; increasing the salary of the city collector and city treasurer to \$200,000; having the collector make daily deposits of tax receipts to the city treasurer; appointing a meeting of electing them; changing the date of filing tax lists to May instead of September; giving the Board of Education power to condemn land sought for educational purposes; making the city attorney and city engineer permanent offices and extending the term of the mayor from two to three years.

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**FLOWERS FOR
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GREETINGS**

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NEGRO DENIES STRANGLING OF WHITE WOMAN

Mother of Three Children Dragged from Kitchen to Cellar and Brutally Attacked.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—Police today were questioning William E. Battles, negro, held without bail on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the brutal killing of Mrs. Eleanor Louise Brigham, in an effort to secure a confession from him.

Feeling is running high in this little town against the black and his father, who is being detained by officials for examination.

The body of Mrs. Brigham was found last night by detectives in the basement of her home in an exclusive residential district, packed into a preserve closet in the cellar.

She had been strangled. Discovery of the murder came when Brigham, on his return from business found his wife missing.

Battle's wife was arrested after Margaret, the seven-year-old daughter of the Brigham had identified him as a man who had been working about home during the day.

The negro denied knowledge of the crime.

Mrs. Brigham's body, horribly mutilated, had evidently been crammed hastily into the closet; by the murderer before he fled. Her clothing was badly torn.

Authorities, after an examination of the body, proceeded on the theory that Mrs. Brigham had been the victim of a degenerate.

Husband Collapses.

Brigham collapsed after he had found his wife's body and today was nearly wild with grief. He is a well known and prosperous business man and his home a model of modern comfort and respectability.

Mrs. Brigham was a good looking woman, quiet and demure and a devoted mother to three little children who were asleep when their mother met her frightful fate. The children were all confined to their rooms upstairs by measles. They told their father that they had heard no sound.

The police say that the evidence is that the woman was either attacked in her kitchen and dragged to the cellar, or was attacked suddenly by a concealed assailant in the cellar when she went there on some household errand.

There were marks on the cellar floor showing that Mrs. Brigham had been dragged several yards.

An autopsy on the body of the woman was begun this morning by Dr. G. L. Warren, county physician. He found that the victim's throat were indicative of the brutal grasp of a stranger who may have used a rope or a strand of sags.

Husband Finds Body.

The body was found by Brigham after he returned home from his business. He found the body in the cellar of E. Devereux & Co., of Brook, last evening. The man went to the children's room awakening them. "Where's mama?" he asked. The children did not know, had not heard her for a long time.

He went to the cellar to explore the house, but did not think of the cellar. He went to the neighbors. No sign, no one had seen her. The man took flight and fled to the police. Then the neighbors and detectives systematically searched the neighborhood. They found no trace.

Suddenly Brigham thought of the cellar. He and a detective rushed there. The sleuth noticed marks leading to the preserve closet. The door was locked. Brigham seized an axe and broke down the door. His wife's cut and bruised body with clothing twisted in mute evidence of a struggle met the husband's eyes and sent him reeling back in horror.

There was a cut on the neck, not deep enough to have caused death, the doctors said when they arrived. First belief was that Mrs. Brigham had died from strangulation.

COMPOSITION OFFER REFUSED

The composition offer of 10 per cent made to his creditors by Max Leffkoff, local merchant, who has petitioned for bankruptcy proceedings, was refused yesterday at a hearing before Referee John J. Keogh. Attorney Arthur E. Weiss was made trustee of the estate.

COMPENSATION HEARING POSTPONED

The hearing before Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham, scheduled for yesterday in the matter of William Wagner, one of the members of the S-48 submarine, which became submerged and could not be raised for twelve hours, was postponed until January 3, due to the illness of Wagner's attorney, Daniel E. Brennan.

DIVORCE PETITIONS FILED.

Elizabeth Brod of Stratford, through her attorney, Henry P. Lyons, has brought a petition for divorce from her husband, George F. Brod of Oxford, claiming infidelity with persons unknown. Property of the respondent has been attached amounting to \$250.

Frank Edwards of this city, has filed a petition for divorce in the Superior Court alleging that his wife, Martha Andrew Edwards, of Easton, deserted him.

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There are pumps and oxfords in an almost endless variety of the most wanted styles—satins—calf and kid—one strap—two strap—cross strap and oxfords with fancy trimming.

We purchased a maker's stock which he was willing to sacrifice rather than take stock of the shoes and to these high grade shoes we added lines of broken sizes from our own stock on which we took drastic reductions—that is how we are able to offer you shoes shoes today that were made to sell for or actually did sell in our own stock for \$6. to \$7.50 today for \$3.65.

Interesting art knitting and needle-work.

One of the newer fancies in knitting is hats made from Angora yarn—full instructions for making—the yarn comes in a wide range of colors at the skein, 50c.

Here is a pretty breakfast set to be embroidered in the popular patch work designs—there are 9 pieces, including thread, for \$1.

A buffet set of unbleached muslin—center and oblong doilies complete with thread, 95c.

Wondrously dainty designs on sheer fabrics are the new stamped gowns and combinations at \$1.50.

Tailored waists of dainty cottons.

Corded dimities in pretty stripes—some are made with the popular round collar with a hemstitching design on collar and cuffs—others have the long collar with V neck—collar and cuffs are finished with a dainty lace edge.

Practical waists—waists that will launder nicely and easily—waists that will give a lot of satisfactory wear for \$2.

Home helps for Winter days.



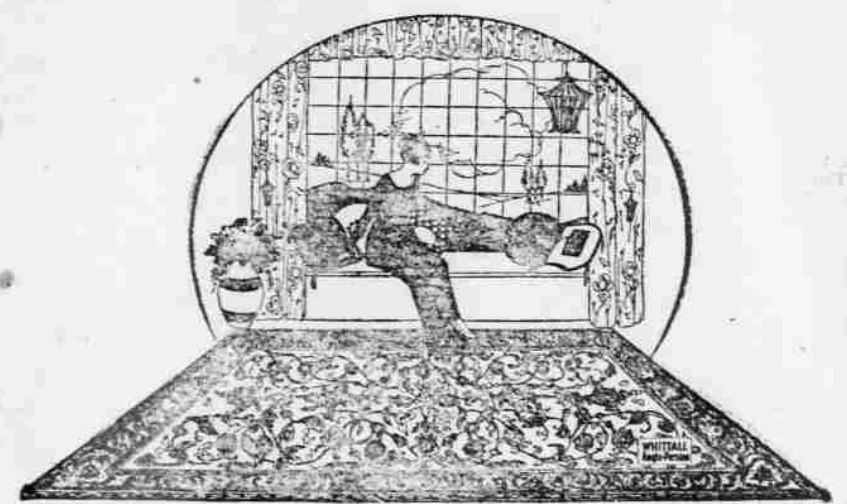
U. S. Government reclaimed ash cans of extremely durable quality—taper shape—complete with covers—ideal size for individual handling, \$1.45.

Heavy ash cans of corrugated steel with eight three rib side protector strips—standard 18 inch size, special \$2.95.

Rotary ash sifters—fit any size barrel—dustless—turn the handle and the ashes and reclaimed coal are dumped into separate receptacles, \$2.65.

Window ventilators—draftless ventilators—splendid for overheated rooms—two sizes, 50c and 65c.

THE HOWLAND



Rugs that furnish and beautify home.

Whittall's Teprae Wilton rugs—copies from the Orientals—all-over Persian colorings, deep rich and beautiful—\$87.50.

Heavy Axminster rugs seamless, extra heavy deep rich pile—Persian designs.

Truly a wondrous assortment of fine rugs in the 9x12 feet size and at a price to keep this busy section humming with activity—\$59.

Third floor, rear

Furnishings for the home beautiful.

Dainty ruffled curtains of mercerized marquisette—patterns are dots and figures—made with tie bands—good values at \$2.50 pair.

Velour covered pillows—plain and fancy—round and bolster shape, rich colorings, \$2.50 each.

Handsome velour curtains—Duplex—rose and blue—tan and green—and many other pleasing combinations—the pair \$22.50.

Third floor, center



Dresses! Dresses! Dresses! Such delightful dresses for \$10.

The real reason for such expressions of pleasure was the fact that besides being fashioned from fine staunch fabrics in the season's most charming styles—there were, and still are to be had dresses suited to every woman—there are dresses with little touches of color and fashioned with the lines of youthful beauty—there are the smartly tailored and somewhat subdued models for the more mature matron and a wondrous showing of models to please the woman of full figure.

The effort of our garment experts to hold a record breaking event to cap or round out a most successful season has succeeded—to you who have not registered your vote in favor of this offering—we will say there are still good dresses to be had at this price if you come early. Remember they are worth more but yours while they last at \$10.

Second floor, center

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